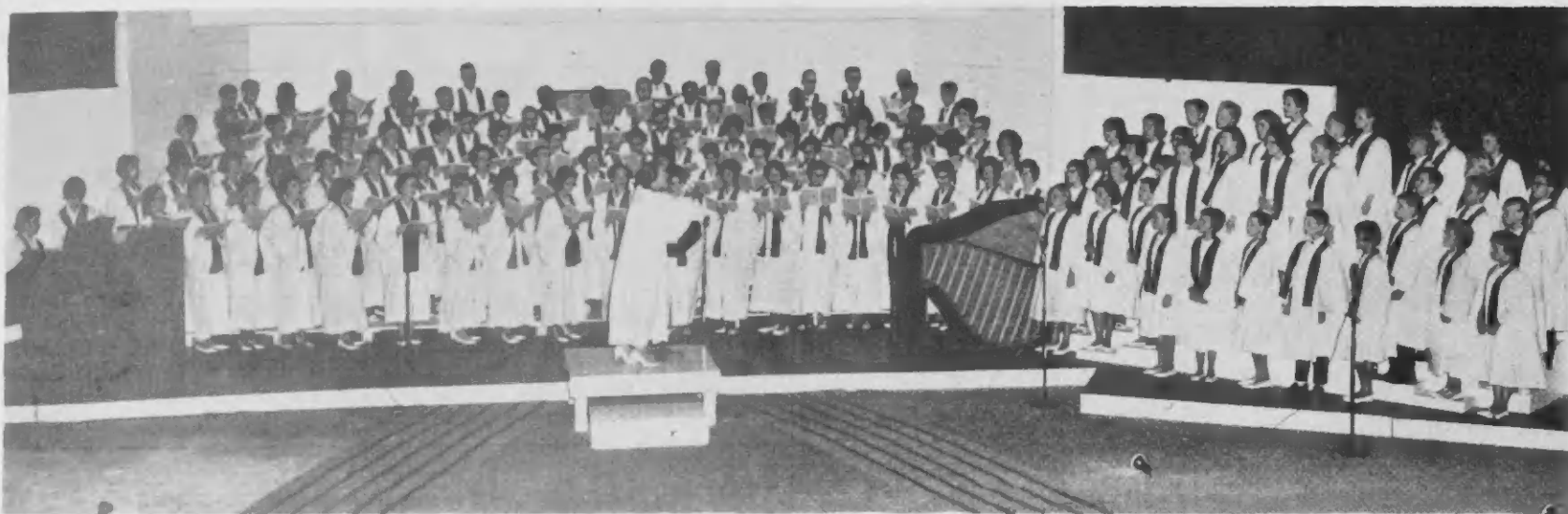


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ONE-HUNDRED and thirty-four voices formed the 1962 Aruba Christmas Choir. Directed by Mrs. Dean V. Thompson, the choir performed at the Lago Sport Park in front of one of the largest audiences ever assembled at the Park for a choir concert. The children's choir is right.

UN CIEN y treinta-y-cuatro voz a forma e Coro di Pascu di Aruba pa 1962. Bao direccion di Sra. Dean V. Thompson, e coro a actua na Lago Sport Park den presencia di uno di e audiencianan mas grandi cu nunca antes a congrega na Lago Sport Park pa un concierto di coro.

Large Sport Park Audience Attends Christmas Concert

One of the largest, if not the largest, Lago Sport Park audiences ever to attend a Christmas choir concert filled the stands for the Dec. 10 performance of the Aruba Christmas Choir. Well over 1500 persons seated in the stands plus innumerable others around the Sport Park perimeter listened to the 134-voice choir under the direction of Mrs. Dean V. Thompson.

The number of the choir members was the largest in the history of the choir. There were ninety-six adult singers, many of whom live in San Nicolas and Oranjestad, and thirty-eight children.

The concert was divided into two sections. The first presented the adult and children choirs accompanied by Mrs. James T. Collins. The second part of the program introduced musical accompaniment in the piano, clarinet, trombone and glockenspiel.

The featured soloist was Miss Carol Selleck, soprano, who is a music teacher at the Seroe Colorado High School.

The choir's appearance at the Lago Sport Park is its fifth. The first appearance was 1956, then 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1962. Mrs. Thompson has directed all the Christmas choirs. The music committee comprises Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Betsy Meijer, R. V. Dorwart and T. Burton.

Members of the adult choirs were: Sopranos: Mary Janne Bellamy, Loes Brands, Jeannette Brown, An de Ruyter, Carol Evans, Sara Harrison, Cecile Hengeveld, Lucy Henriquez, Jane Hochstuhl, Faith Jackson, Shirley Jacobus, Jeanne Jong, Patsy Jopling, Dorothy Joseph, Raymonde Kendrick, Irma Leer, Dorothy Lippincott, Betsy Meijer, Tine Mensink, Ann Meyers, Esther Monroe, Marchin Nagtegaal, Marguerite Nahar, Annet Neut, Carol Porter, Aura Robles, Carol Schierenberg, Carol Selleck, Angelina Smit, Lilia van Charante, Wilhelmina van Coblijn, Rie van der Loo, Bonnie van Montfrans.

Aitos: Pat Bergfield, An Bongers, Rose Broz, Juanite Burton, Simone Derooy, Loes Dirkmaat, Tine Dirkmaat, Peggy Frith, Greet Gordijn, Joan Hagerty, Olivia Hill, Hermina Hoogerboord, Carol Jay, Janis Jay, Linda Jay, Mary Lou Koulman, Janet (Continued on page 2)

Process, Mechanical Men Leave Lago for Retirement

Eugene Spitz of the Process Department and Charles Berrisford of the Mechanical Department have left Lago and Aruba for retirement. Both long-service employees, Mr. Spitz had over thirty-three years of service, and Mr. Berrisford had completed twenty-nine years with Lago.

Two who will leave shortly after the new year are Clyde S. Wilson of the Mechanical Department and Leslie R. Seekins of the Technical Department.

Mr. Spitz began his Lago career in June, 1929, four months after the refinery went on stream. He was hired as a helper in Process-Utilities. A short while thereafter he was transferred to Process-Acid and Edeleanu as an Acid Plant helper. He remained in Acid and Edeleanu operations throughout the remainder of his Lago years. During this period he was promoted five times. His promotions made him operator second class in June, 1933, operator in January, 1939, and shift foreman in February, 1952.



E. Spitz



C. Berrisford



L. R. Seekins



C. S. Wilson

March, 1934, was the starting date for Mr. Berrisford in Mechanical-Carpenter. Successive promotions made him subforeman first class and carpenter shop foreman. In December, 1940, he was promoted to planner in Mechanical-Carpenter. He became assistant general foreman of carpenter and paint in April, 1942, and general foreman in March, 1944.

Mr. Wilson, Mechanical-Metal Drafts foreman, will leave Jan. 2 after fifteen years of Lago service, all of which have been spent in the Mechanical Department. His Lago employ began April, 1948, as a sub-

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Lago President Extends New Year's Greetings

Another year has passed, and in the time span of man it will be acknowledged as a year of great accomplishment. There were international accomplishments of dramatic and great importance. In our community and our company, there were many accomplishments; indeed, not as dramatic as others, but just as great to the individual and his associates. It is these accomplishments that give meaning and substance to life and result in happiness not only for the individual but his family and community.

I hope the new year will bring happiness and measures of accomplishment to every employee and to every member of the Aruba community. In doing so we all will progress.

W. A. MURRAY

Cat Cracker Christmas Star Will Be Stopped For Photographers Jan. 3

While the transformation of the cat plant into a gigantic and Caribbean-famous Christmas tree has become tradition, there has been developing through the years another custom associated with the Christmas tree and its revolving star that also is becoming tradition.

Every year on a date selected as being the most convenient for Aruba's photographers, the cat cracker star is stopped to allow nighttime exposures for the myriad of colors which make the tree. This year the star will be stopped facing east, as always, for two and one-half hours, which is longer than usual. The star will be stopped Thursday, Jan. 3 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Previously, the star had been stopped for one dark hour.

This year, however, it was requested that the star be stopped for a longer period beginning during dusk hours. The purpose is to allow exposures during varied light tones and intensities, and also to afford the opportunity of a double exposure during light and dark periods. Naturally, Lago was glad to oblige the legion of photographers who make the Christmas tree an annual assignment.

Exposure Suggestions

To assist neophyte photographers, here follows a few suggestions. Caution is extended, however, in that the periods stated here and the corresponding times Jan. 3 may present different light intensities. At this particular time of the year, light falls or diminishes quickly. To avoid more than the usual disappointments to which photographers are inured, it is suggested that the first selected exposure be bracketed by one aperture stop above and one below. This will give the photographer three exposures for each time setting. Suggested vantage points are behind the Administration Building or west of the telephone exchange.

The sky at 5:30 is quite bright, and there is a certain degree of risk in attempting the first shot of the double exposure at this early hour. At approximately 5:40 p.m., the light appears to be ideal for a straight shot at one-tenth of a second at F-11. At 5:50 p.m., the first half of the double exposure can be taken for the sky. Settings suggested are F-11 at one-tenth of a second. The second half of the exposure for the lights should be taken at approximately 6:20 p.m. at F-11 and from ten to twenty seconds.

At 6 p.m., the first half of the exposure can be taken at one-half of a second at F-11. The second half of

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Fourteen Receive Service Watches at Ceremonies Conducted by Clarkson

Fourteen twenty-five-year service watches were presented this month. Twelve watches were awarded Lago employees at special Reception Center ceremonies conducted by Executive Committee representative B. C. Clarkson. Two other watches were dispatched to the United States to Annuitants A. G. Turner and M. R. Holly.

The twelve who received their watches Dec. 5 from Mr. Clarkson were I. Robert, and J. J. Wester, welders and leadburners; V. I. Piter, E. van der Biezen, B. Hernandez and J. R. Lie, Storehouse; and A. Ellis and B. Lopez, machinist, all of the Mechanical Department; F. Richards of the Medical Department; J. M. Richards of the General Services Department; E. P. Locadia of the Lago Police, and A. Stamper of the Process Department-Light Oils Finishing.

Visa pa Estados Unidos Por Wordo Obteni Via Post

Residentenan di Antillas Holandes cu ta desea di bishita Estados Unidos awor por aplica pa visa di turista y transito via post. No ta necesario mas pa aparece en persona pa manda un aplicacion aden.

Comerciantenan y turistanan cu tin mester di visa di visitante por scribi e Consulado General Americano na Curaçao. Instruccionnan y un formulario di aplicacion simple lo worde mandá via post pa e persona cu ta pidi un visa. Hopi agentenan di pasashi y companianan di transportacion den Antillas Holandes tin e formulario nobo pa conveniencia di viajeros.

Multitud Grandi na Lago Sport Park Ta Afende Concierto di Pascu

Uno di e audiencianan mas grandi, si no ta di mas grandi cu nunca antes a yega di atende un concierto di koor di Pascu, a yena e tribunan pa e presentacion di Dec. 10 di Coro di Pascu di Aruba. Mas di 1500 persona tabata sinta ariba tribuna fuera di innumerable cantidad di otronan rond di Sport Park pa scucha e coro di 134 voz bao direccion di Sra. Dean V. Thompson.

E cantidad di miembronan di e coro tabata di mas grandi den historia di e coro. Tabatin nobenta y seis cantador grandi, hopi di cualnan ta biba na San Nicolas y Oranjestad, y trinta y ocho mucha.

E concierto tabata parti den dos seccion. E prome parti a presenta e coro di adultos y muchanan acompañá pa Sra. James T. Collins. E segundo parti di e programa a introduci acompañamento musical di piano, trombon y marimba.

E solista principal tabata Srta. Carol Selleck, un soprano, kende ta un maestra di musica na High School di Seroe Colorado.

E presentacion di e coro na Lago Sport Park ta di cinco actuacion. Su promer presentacion tabata na 1956, despues na 1958, 1959, 1960 y 1962. Sra. Thompson tabata dirigente di tur e coronan aki di Pascu. E Comité musical ta consisti di Sra. Thompson, Sra. Betsy Meijer, R. V. Dorwart y T. Burton.



GIFTS FROM his carpenter craft associates were given to Charles Berrisford prior to his mid-December retirement from Lago. Mr. Berrisford completed over twenty-nine years of service in Aruba. Arnold Jopling presented the gifts.

REGALONAN FOR di su companjeronan di Carpenter Craft a worde duná na Charles Berrisford promer di su retiro cu pension for di Lago na mitar di December. Sr. Berrisford a completa mas di binti-nuebe anja di servicio na Aruba. Arnold Jopling a presenta e regalonan.

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For The New Year

The first day of every new year is one in which many people concentrate on worthwhile resolutions. Some make resolutions that undoubtedly have merit but are so far beyond the realm of practicability — or habit — that there is not much chance of what has been resolved becoming a fact. Still others joke about resolutions, and perhaps these persons are honest. Why even bother thinking about a resolution if it really was never a disciplined desire? Maybe this is the reason so many new year resolutions are broken Jan. 2.

Sometimes it's the inconsequential aspects of life that become far more overwhelming than they should because they have been allowed to become disproportionate in meaning or effect. Perhaps it would be better and more reasonable to think big and resolve in terms of the family and community. Resolutions then could be framed within personal ways of life.

Aruba society or community life is developing rapidly. As it does many new avenues of association, culture and experience open to the majority of people. Attendant with social growth, unfortunately, are many problems. Into such a set of surroundings could go many resolutions in the form of help. People who will devote time and energy to community endeavors are cherished citizens respected by their associates. They are also the people who derive tremendous satisfaction in doing for others. More of these people are needed, and it is here a worthwhile resolution could be made to assist in community projects. There are never enough volunteers to assist the church, assist social workers, assist juvenile organizations, assist mental health endeavors, to cite a few.

Support is another form of helping community endeavors, and also one which lends itself nicely to a new year's resolution. Too often functions are sparsely attended. Fairs, choir recitals, dramatic productions, children's performances, organization meetings and even sports need support and active participation. For without support, which is another term for interest in the specific activity, those things that give interest and enthusiasm to life, that give growth to the community and its adults and children will cease and the community will suffer.

As Aruba grows what better resolutions could there be than to help it grow by supporting its cultural manifestations and contributing toward the easement of its growing pains.

Pa Anja Nobo

E promer dia di cada anja nobo ta un dia cu hopi hende ta concentra ariba resolucianan cu ta vale la pena. Algun hende ta haci resolucianan cu sin duda tin merito, pero cu ta asina leuw for di realidad — of costumber — cu no tin mucho chens cu loke a worde resolvi lo bira un hecho. Tin otro hende cu ta haci chanza tocante resolucianan, y podiser e hendenan aki ta honesto. Pakiko pensa mes ariba un resolucian si en berdad nunca e tabata un deseo berdadero? Podiser esaki ta e motibo pakiko hopi resolucianan di anja nobo ta worde kibrá dia 2 di Januari.

Tin bez cu ta e aspectonan di bida inconsecuente cu ta bira demasiado dominante cu nan mester ta, pasobra nan a worde permiti di bira proporcioná den nificacion y efecto. Podiser lo ta mehor y mas razonable pa pensa ariba cosnan mas grandi y haci resolucianan den loke ta toca familia y comunidad. Tal resolucianan por worde formá dentro maneranan di bida personal.

E bida di sociedad y comunidad Arubano ta desaroyando rapidamente. Segun esaki ta tuma lugar, hopi avenida di asociacion, cultura y experiencia ta habri pa mayoria di hende. Hunto cu desaroyo social, desafortunadamente, tin hopi problema. Pa tal circunstancianan hopi resolucianan den forma di ayudo por worde haci. Hendenan cu ta dedica tempo y energia na esfuertonan di comunidad ta ciudadanonan aprecia cu ta respetá door di nan companjeronan. Nan ta tambe e hendenan cu ta haya tremendo satisfaccion den nan accionnan pa otro. Mas di e hendenan aki ta necesario y den e direccion aki resolucianan cu vale la pena por worde haci pa asisti den proyectonan di comunidad. Nunca tin bastanta voluntarianan pa yuda misa, asisti trahadornan social, pa yuda organizacionnan juvenil, pa asisti esfuertonan pa salubridad mental, pa menciona alguno.

Apoyo ta un otro forma pa yuda esfuertonan di comunidad y tambe uno cu ta pas bunita den resolucianan pa anja nobo. Hopi bez funcionnan ta masha poco atendí. Feria, cantate di koor, presentacionnan dramatico, actuacionnan di mucha, reunionnan di organizacion y hasta eventonan deportivo mester apoyo y participacion activo.

Presidente Ta Extende Saludos di Anja Nobo

Un otro anja a pasa y den periodo di genero humano esaki lo worde reconoci como un anja di gran acozamiento. Internacionalmente hechonan dramatico y di gran importancia a worde lográ. Den nos comunidad y nos compania, hopi cosnan a worde lográ; enberdad nan no tabata asina dramatico manera otronan, pero di mes gran importancia pa e individuo y su companjeronan. Ta e esuntoonan realizá aki cu ta duna significacion y substancia na bida y ta resulta den felicidad no solamente pa un persona individual, pero tambe pa su familia y comunidad.

Mi ta spera cu e anja nobo lo trece felicidad y numeroso exito pa cada empleado y pa cada miembro di comunidad Arubano. Y logrando esaki nos tur lo progresa hunto.

W. A. MURRAY

Empleadonan di Gobierno Como Huesped di Lago na Fiesta Anual di Pascu

E fiesta anual di Pascu a worde tení Dec. 14 pa empleadonan di gobierno kende durante e curso di anja tabatin asociacion cu empleadonan di Lago. E lugar di e fiesta tabata Aruba Caribbean Hotel y e festividadnan a worde atendí door di mas cu 500 persona. Gezaghebber Interino I. S. de Cuba y Vice President F. C. Donovan a yama a huespedes bonbini y a extende saludos di temporada di Pascu na e hombernan y nan familia. E eventonan mas principal di e anochi, manera semper, tabata e rifamento di diesdos macuto di cuminda. Tabatin presentacionnan door di artistanan di e hotel y un violinista, kende a actua anja pasá y a worde treci Aruba especialmente pa e ocasion aki. Miembronan di e comision di fiesta ta E. Byington, presidente; A. G. Kossuth, A. W. Kelley, E. D. Fowler, A. Geerman, S. Dirkmaat, C. Z. de Cuba, R. E. Muller, R. A. Wolff y W. C. Hochstuhl.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

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Lewis, Joyce Nelson, Mildred Netterfield, Marjorie Proterra, Joyce Rogers, Darlene Schlageter, Suze Sno, Georgine Suydon, Jane Turner, Els Waasdrop, Marta van Ogtrop.

Tenors: Walter Arends, Hilario Bislip, Ted Burton, Kenneth Chapman, Lang Geerman, Jerome Gomes, Niek Hoogerboord, Robert Kendrick, Juan Kock, Spencer McGrew, Carter Miller, William Murphy, Albert Obispo, Max Sand, Peter Storey, Robert Schlageter, Thomas Thode, John Thompson, Willem van den Ban.

Basses: Zepp Bislick, Albert Clark, James Collins, B. Freddy Dirks, Robert Dorwart, Donald Evans, Paul Gordijn, T. F. Hagerty, J. Koulman, D. Monroe, L. Monroe, C. Reed, H. Schierenberg, A. Stenzen, J. v. Norden, M. Welage, Sr., M. Welage, Jr.



THE SECOND part of the Christmas choir program at the Lago Sport Park included musical accompaniment in addition to the organ. The adult choir's ninety-six voices were joined by clarinet, glockenspiel and piano. ■ SEGUNDO parti di e programa di e Coro di Pascu na Lago Sport Park a inclui acozamiento musical hunto cu e orgel. Un coro di adultos cu su nobenta-y-seis voznan a worde acozanjá pa clarinet, marimba y piano.

Strea bi Pascu di Cat Cracker Lo Stop Pa Fotografonan Diahuebes, Jan, 3

Mientras e transformacion di Cat Plant den un Kerstboom gigantesco y di fama den Caribe a bira un tradicion, durante anjanan un otro costumber a desaroya cu ta asocia cu e Kerstboom y su strea cu ta draai, cual tambe ta birando un tradicion. Tur anja ariba un fecha selectá cual ta lo mas conveniente pa fotografonan di Aruba, e strea

ariba Cat Cracker ta worde pará pa permiti sacamento di portret di e multi-colores cu ta forma e kerstboom aki. E anja aki e strea lo para cara pariba, manera semper, pa dos ora y mei, cual ta mas largo cu costumber. E strea lo worde pará Diahuebes, Jan. 3, for di 5:30 pa 8 p.m. Anteriormente, tabata costumber di stop e strea durante un ora den anochi.

E anja aki, sin embargo, a worde pidi pa stop e strea pa un periodo mas largo cuminzando na drentamento di solo. E obheto ta pa permiti exposicion durante varios intensidad di luz y tambe pa permiti oportunidad di doble chens pa saca portret durante e periodo di luz y scuridat. Naturalmente Lago tabata gustoso pa acomoda e legion di fotografonan, kende ta haci sacamento di portret di e Kerstboom aki como un tarea anual.

Pa asisti fotografonan novato, aki ta sigui algun sugerencia. Atencion ta worde yamá, sin embargo, cu den

Visas for United States May Be Obtained by Mail

Residents of the Netherlands Antilles who wish to visit the United States may now apply for visitor or transit visas by mail. No longer is it necessary to appear in person to file application.

Businessmen and tourists requiring visitor visas may write to the American Consulate General, Curaçao. Instructions and a simple application form will be mailed to the persons requesting visas. Many travel agents and transportation companies in the Netherlands Antilles have the new form for the convenience of travelers.

The new "visa by mail" system applies only to visitors and those travelling directly through the United States to another country.

CAT CRACKER

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the exposure, then, should be taken thirty minutes later at F-11 from ten to twenty seconds. The time adjudged ideal for sky tone and gradation and also light intensity is 6:18 p.m. The first half of the exposure should be nine seconds at F-8. The second half of the exposure should be taken at 6:40 p.m. at F-8 at ten seconds.

These suggestions, and they are only that — there is no substitute for a critical, on-the-spot reading of a light meter — are based on Kodachrome II, rated at ASA 25. Daylight film gives warmer, deeper colors. Indoor film, on the other hand, gives a predominately blue cast to the sky unless the sky is dark and the photographer is shooting for the lights only.

Good luck, Jan. 3 is the night.

RETIREMENTS

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foreman in the pipe craft. He became a pipe foreman two years later.

Mr. Seekins will complete over twenty-five years of service when he leaves Lago and Aruba Jan. 15. Mr. Seekins was first employed as a junior engineer in Technical-Engineering in March, 1938. Three years later he went into equipment inspection with a promotion to equipment inspector. Twenty-two of his twenty-five years were spent in EIG. In 1945 he was promoted to group head B and three years later was advanced to group head A. He was promoted to chief equipment inspector in July, 1950. This advancement was followed by another in June, 1953, to assistant division superintendent.

Schedule of Paydays

Semi-Monthly Payroll

Dec. 16-31 Wednesday, Jan. 9

Monthly Payroll

Dec. 1-31 Thursday, Jan. 10



BOTH OF these retiring employees completed thirty-three years of service. At his retirement luncheon, Eugene Spitz, left, was honored by B. C. Clarkson, K. E. Springer, L. F. Ballard, G. L. MacNutt, A. Halpert, J. W. Denton and J. D. Morris. Ambrosio Geerman, right, was honored by V. C. Fuller, F. Legenhuisen, P. Geerman, C. L. A. Lake and B. Geerman.



AMBOS EMPLEADONAN aki cu ta bai cu pensia a completá trinta-y-tres anja di servicio. Na su comida promer cu pensia, Eugene Spitz, robes, a worde honrá door di B. C. Clarkson, K. E. Springer, L. F. Ballard, G. L. MacNutt, A. Halpert, J. W. Denton y J. D. Morris. Ambrosio Geerman, banda drechi, a worde honrá door di cuatro amigo.



OVER 500 government and Lago employees attended the annual Christmas party sponsored by Lago for government employees who work in close association with refinery personnel.

MAS DI 500 empleado di gobierno y Lago a presenciá e fiesta anual di Pascu auspiciá pa Lago na empleadonan di gobierno kende ta traha den asociacion estrecho cu personal di refinaria.

Government Employees Are Lago's Guests at Annual Fete

The annual Christmas party was held Dec. 14 for government employees who, during the course of the year, have association with Lago employees. The location of the party was the Aruba Caribbean Hotel, and the festivities were attended by well over 500 persons. Acting Lt. Gov. I. S. de Cuba and Vice-President F. C. Donovan welcomed the guests and extended season's greetings to the men and their families. High-

light of the evening, as always, was the awarding of twelve baskets of food. Entertainment was provided by the performers at the hotel and a novelty violinist, who was brought to Aruba especially for the evening. Members of the party committee are E. Byington, chairman, A. G. Koossuth, A. W. Kelley, E. D. Fowler, A. Geerman, S. Dirkmaat, C. Z. de Cuba, R. E. Muller, R. A. Wolff and W. C. Hochstuhl.



EACH GUEST is greeted by members of the Executive Committee. Greeting guests this year were F. C. Donovan, B. C. Clarkson and F. W. Switzer. CADA HUESPED ta worde saludá door di miembronan di Comité Ehecutivo. Saludando huespedes e anja aki tabata F. C. Donovan, B. C. Clarkson y F. W. Switzer.



EACH GOVERNMENT guest receives a Lago family calendar after the party. Committee members A. G. Kossuth and E. B. Fowler pass them out. Emcee W. C. Hochstuhl, below, congratulates winners. CADA HUESPED di gobierno ta ricibi un calendar di Lago despues di e fiesta. Miembronan di Comité A. G. Kossuth y E. D. Fowler ta parti nan. Maestro di Ceremonia C. Hochstuhl, abao, ta felicita e ganadornan.



TWELVE BASKETS of foodstuffs were awarded. Some winners are shown here. DIESDOS MACUTO cu un surtido di cuminda worde regalá na e fiesta.



